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In re Application of

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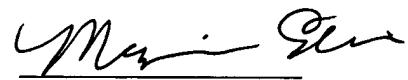
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For: MULTILAYER SYSTEMS WITH AT LEAST ONE LAYER BASED ON MESONORPHIC POLYELECTROLYTE COMPLEXES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM AND THEIR USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP99/10242 filed on 21 December, 1999.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute for claim 1.

1. A multicoat system comprising

(I) at least one coating layer (IA) which comprises mesomorphic polyelectrolyte complexes selected from 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 and which are prepared by